



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado experienced above average temperatures last week. Average levels of precipitation were received along the Front Range but there was below average precipitation received in the rest of the State. Overall, mountain snowpack is 115 percent of average. The snowpack in the southern region of the State is rated at only 83 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.4 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	36	36	26	2
Last Week	41	36	21	2
Last Year	1	9	84	6

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	32	41	25	2
Last Week	36	38	24	2
Last Year	1	10	86	3

**Small Grains:** Three percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured last week, a drop from the 5-year average of 9 percent. The crop improved due to warmer weather last week with some much appreciated precipitation received in select areas but continues to be rated in mostly fair to poor condition. Spring barley was 22 percent seeded with 8 percent emerged by the end of the week. Spring wheat was 12 percent seeded with 1 percent emerged.

**Row Crops:** Onion plantings increased to 31 percent, 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average of 29 percent. Summer potatoes were 2 percent planted by the end of last week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 3, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	16	27	41	16	0
Last Year	0	3	23	48	26

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range feed conditions were rated at mostly fair to good condition across the State due to the moisture received last week.

**Livestock:** Cows that have calved since January 1<sup>st</sup> increased to 66 percent while 54 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 3, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	10	19	43	24	4
Prev. Year – 2010	4	12	26	54	4
5-Year Avg.	7	24	40	28	1

## Spring 2011 Calving and Lambing

	2011	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	66	64
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	54	56

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 3, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	3	4	5	9
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	22	20	14	18
Emerged	8	5	4	3
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	12	10	10	12
Emerged	1	N/A	5	3
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	31	26	20	29
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	2	1	1	2

**COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/**

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	1	2	41	52	4

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.